

Remarks

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-19, and 21-23 were pending, with claim 21 withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 8, and 12 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1, 3-6, 8-19, and 21-23 remain pending, with claim 21 withdrawn from consideration.

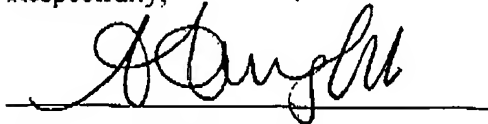
Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner Ali and Applicant held a telephone conference on February 23, 2006. In this conference, it was agreed that independent claim 12 was allowable, and would be allowable with the phrase "connected to at least one of the first and second reservoirs" canceled from claim 12. It was also agreed that independent claims 1 and 8 would be allowable if amended to include the refrigerator as claimed in claim 12. Therefore, Applicant has appropriately amended the claims. Examiner Ali is thanked for indicating that all claims would be allowable with the present amendment. Examiner Ali is politely reminded to rejoin withdrawn claim 21.

Conclusion and Fees

Because Applicant has paid for 20 claims and 3 independent claims, and because there are now 20 claims and 3 independent claims pending, Applicant believes that no fee is due. Applicant believes that all outstanding issues have been resolved, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If Examiner Ali believes that a telephone conference will further prosecution of the present case, he is invited to contact Applicant at the number indicated below.

Respectfully,



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